Periodic Review of Rules Definitions per Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH)

Necessary with substantive public interest – Means any rule for which the agency has received public comments within the past two years. A rule is also "necessary with substantive public interest" if the rule affects the property interest of the regulated public and the agency knows or suspects that any person may object to the rule.

Necessary without substantive public interest – Means a rule for which the agency has not received a public comment concerning the rule within the past two years. A "necessary without substantive public interest" rule includes a rule that merely identifies information that is readily available to the public, such as an address or a telephone number.

Unnecessary rule – Means a rule that the agency determines to be obsolete, redundant, or otherwise not needed.